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“Ring Out the Old....Bring on the New”

Significant Initiatives

Submitted by Jean Wall

The last DOC NewsLine Issue included the ten significant initiatives submitted by Secretary Richard Stalder to Governor M.J. “Mike” Foster, Jr. during his tenure. This article contains the final seven initiatives.

ACA ACCREDITATION

The American Correctional Association (ACA) is a national, non-profit organization of correctional professionals and practitioners, which has developed rigorous operational standards for prisons and other correctional operations; thus, accreditation is a recognized credential identifying an entity as stable, safe, and constitutional. Governor M. J. “Mike” Foster, Jr., has supported the Department’s efforts to earn and maintain full ACA accreditation.

The Department began pursuing ACA accreditation as a means of documenting solid correctional practices already in place and strengthening operations in all areas. Secretary Richard L. Stalder, with the ongoing support of the Governor’s Office, has led the way to a wholly accredited system: all institutions, the adult and juvenile probation and parole divisions, the Prison Enterprises Division, headquarters operations, all privately owned contract work release facilities for adults, and 39 juvenile community residential centers and day-treatment programs.

ACA accreditation forms the foundation of the Department's operations and is a continuing catalyst for productive change. It played a major role in the gradual dismissal of state and local correctional facilities and the secure juvenile institutions from federal consent decree between April 1, 1997, and September 7, 2000. The emphasis on safety issues and the resulting reduction of accident rates have resulted in significant dollar savings in insurance premiums.

BASIC JAIL GUIDELINES: A CORRECTIONAL

The Department and local law enforcement officials have agreed in principle that optimum use of prisoner beds at the state and local levels can be achieved, public safety can be increased, and funds can be better invested by assigning violent, special needs, high-risk, and incorrigible inmates to a more restrictive environment (state facilities) and assigning less violent, lower risk inmates to a less restrictive environment (local facilities). To date, the Department has been able to use federal crime bill monies to add 510 new beds in adult institutions and has signed 30 cooperative endeavor agreements, which provide 4428 new adult beds in local facilities.

Governor Foster’s administration was able to facilitate the growth of this unique partnership in which the Department and local law enforcement officials work together to systematically manage jail and prison bed space. The Department and the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association jointly developed a comprehensive and meaningful set of Basic Jail Guidelines, which

must be adhered to by any local jail facility as a condition of housing state inmates. Since 1996, the Department has been awarded more than \$70 million under the Federal Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act's Violent Offender/Truth in Sentencing Initiative (VOI/TIS), which is being used to add a total of more than 2000 beds at adult institutions. Additionally, 72 new beds will be added at a juvenile facility using federal crime bill monies and Cooperative Endeavor Agreements supports the need for both state and local bed space. Also, Cooperative Endeavor Agreements facilitate financing of new jail space when other options are not readily available and allow expansion of the number of beds for local as well as state use.

The Department's partnership with the Sheriffs' Association and local authorities is the only arrangement of its kind in the nation.

CORE CORRECTIONS ORGANIZED FOR RE-ENTRY

All juvenile offenders in secure care and approximately 90 percent of all incarcerated adults are eventually released from physical custody; about half of those return to prison (often in the first 12-24 months) for violating the conditions of their release or for committing additional crimes. To deal with these realities and improve outcomes, the Department launched CORE: Corrections Organized for Re-entry. Its purpose is to increase the ability and willingness of offenders to live lawfully in the community by preparing them for release from their point of entry, developing individualized and evolving re-entry plans that guide their activities in prison and on into the community, and supporting and holding them accountable after they enter the community.

In 2002, in keeping with the emphasis of the Governor's Office on interagency collaboration and citizen involvement, Secretary Richard L. Stalder envisioned CORE. Under the direct leadership of a senior warden, CORE offers a framework for institutional and field staffs to coordinate efforts, link resources, and involve

other agencies and community groups in the range of activities designed to enable offenders to remain successfully in the community.

CORE was the cornerstone of the Department's receiving a three-year, \$2 million grant from the U. S. Justice Department's Office of Justice Programs Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative to strengthen re-entry programming in two pilot areas. CORE's intent of reducing crime, victimization, and related costs offer direct benefits to the state's citizens.

Louisiana is in the forefront among states that have developed clear strategies for handling what has become a national challenge.

THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROJECT

Restorative justice is a victim-centered approach to justice, which reminds us that an offender's crime harmed someone and that, consequently, the offender should be led toward accepting responsibility for the crime and taking some action to mitigate its harm while also being helped to prepare for and supported in his/her return to the community. CORE emphasizes the preparation and re-entry piece; other important parts of the Department's current restorative justice initiative include the Crime Victims Services Bureau, victim awareness programming for inmates, restorative justice education/information for staff, and victim-initiated victim-offender dialogue.

The parts of the initiative came together in December 2000, when Secretary Richard L. Stalder invited the director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to spend two days with senior staff, exploring Ohio's move toward restorative/community justice and possibilities for Louisiana. The Crime Victims Services Bureau continues to help crime victims register for notification about the release of adult and juvenile offenders. A Restorative Justice Task Force proposes and guides restorative justice initiatives, drawing on the experience and support of LSU's

Office of Social Service Research and Development, victim advocacy groups, and a technical assistance grant from the National Institute of Corrections.

Restorative justice values identify crime victims as an important and appropriate clientele of the Department and lead inmates toward understanding and acknowledging the impact of their criminal actions and the obligations created thereby. The desired results are victims who are better served by the justice system and inmates who are less likely to repeat their victimizing behavior.

Based on former Governor Foster's challenge to make a better Louisiana for the state's citizens, the Department joined national efforts to define and honor the rights of crime victims as legitimate participants in the justice system and to incorporate restorative justice values in agency operations.

FAITH-BASED PROGRAMMING

Dozens of chaplains and hundreds of volunteers comprise the heart of religious programs and services, offered daily to adult and juvenile offenders throughout the system. Ongoing efforts to enhance religious programming by providing suitable space and additional staffing have resulted in completion of new chapels at six institutions and inmates who have earned Bachelor of Theology degrees working under the supervision of the chaplaincy.

The nonprofit, ecumenical Louisiana Prison Chapel Foundation was formed in 2000 to raise funds to build or upgrade twenty-one interfaith chapels at Louisiana prisons. Former Governor and Mrs. M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr., supportive of faith-based programs as an important rehabilitative link, agreed to serve as honorary co-chairs and made a personal donation to the effort. By April 2002 the foundation had reached 25 percent of its goal. (J. Levy Dabadie Correctional Center built the sixth chapel using monies from the

Inmate Welfare Fund.) Warden Burl Cain collaborated with the leadership of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary to bring associate degree and bachelor degree programs onto prison grounds. His intent was to encourage inmates to educate themselves, grow spiritually, and use their new skills and insights; the possibility of transferring some graduates to work under chaplains at other institutions grew from that.

Inmates who make positive, substantive changes while in prison are less likely to injure others upon their release. Faith and the support of believers help people change; suitable space communicates something about a program's standing and supports learning; inmate involvement in the prison community teaches them skills and enables them to experience the satisfaction of unselfish action.

Authorities are hopeful that faith-based programming will decrease return-to-prison rates and related victimizations.

YOUTH OFFENDER PILOT PROGRAM

The voluntary, twelve-month program targets inmates age nineteen and under, who have less than five years until their earliest possible release date or those who are sixteen years old or younger regardless of sentence length.

Volunteers must sign a contract to participate fully in the program's intensive rehabilitation efforts, which include education, mental health therapy, religious programming, recreation, and discipline. Failure to honor the contract may result in disciplinary penalties; successful completion carries the possibility of a geographical transfer closer to home, transfer to a facility offering training in a trade of choice, transfer to a work release facility (if eligible), and a favorable recommendation to the Parole Board (if eligible).

The program was created at Dixon Correctional Institute (DCI) in January 2002 as a policy response to the increasing numbers of

young offenders being sentenced to prison. Classification staff watches for suitable offenders to transfer to DCI.

The program assists inmates with their adjustment to prison. It also provides them the necessary tools to reintegrate successfully into the community upon release, which serves the community as well as the offender by reducing recidivism and the number of additional victims.

The DCI pilot is one of only a few in the nation that follows newly promulgated American Correctional Association guidelines for youthful offender programming.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION

Therapeutic communities have been put in place in three juvenile institutions (Jetson Correctional Center for Youth [one for males and one for females], Swanson Correctional Center for Youth - Monroe, and Swanson Correctional Center for Youth - Madison), Elayn Hunt Correctional Center, and Concordia Parish Detention Center, where counselors have been trained in the therapeutic model and community follow-up is available in the community. AA and NA chapters in the institutions expand and support substance abuse treatment and prevention; suitable inmates can also be assigned to the in-patient Blue Walters Substance Abuse Program operated by the Criminal Sheriff of Orleans Parish.

The Department created therapeutic communities by using federal dollars authorized through the federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) Program (\$5,287,192 authorized between 1996-2000). As in other efforts involving federal funds, the Governor's Office has stood ready to facilitate.

Use of alcohol and illicit drugs is an acknowledged factor in criminal behavior. Any success in lessening an adult or juvenile offender's dependence on/involvement with alcohol and drugs has the potential to translate into an inmate's

better judgment and a safer society in the future.

Louisiana was the first state in the nation to develop a therapeutic community in a secure juvenile institution.

Juvenile Corrections Claims Settled

The United States Department of Justice entered a settlement with the state of Louisiana and dismissed all claims involving the former Tallulah Correctional Center. The settlement also resolved and dismissed all claims involving the Bridge City Correctional Center. Governor Mike Foster described the settlement as a "major milestone" in releasing the state from years of federal court litigation involving the state's juvenile facilities.

"I am proud of the efforts of Richard Stalder, secretary of the Louisiana Department of Corrections, and appreciate the assistance from Connie Koury, special counsel to the Department of Corrections, who also played a key role in the negotiations," Governor Foster stated.

This release of all juvenile facilities from judicial supervision follows the release of adult correctional facilities obtained by the Foster Administration in 1996.

In 1998, the United States Department of Justice sued the state alleging unconstitutional conditions in all four of Louisiana's secure juvenile facilities. The litigation challenged conditions for education, medical and mental health services, and juvenile justice at Swanson Correctional Center for Youth -- Madison (formerly the Tallulah Correctional Center for Youth), Swanson Correctional Center for Youth -- Monroe, Jetson Correctional Center for Youth -- Baton Rouge, and Bridge City Correctional Center for Youth -- Bridge City. Most of those claims asserted in the 1998 lawsuit now have been settled and dismissed from the lawsuit.

Earlier this year, United States District Judge James Brady dismissed all of the claims involving educational services within the secure facilities. In today's action, Judge Brady dismissed all claims involving medical and dental services in all four facilities. More critically, based on a settlement entered among the state, the Department of Justice, and a class of juveniles represented by the Nordyke and Denlinger law firm in Baton Rouge and by the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana, all Department of Justice claims involving the former Tallulah Correctional Center for Youth and the Bridge City Correctional Center for Youth were dismissed.

The settlement agreement among the parties also contemplates the dismissal of the remaining claims involving SCCY-Monroe and Jetson Correctional Center for Youth in the near future. Those claims may be dismissed 90 days after the state gives notice of its compliance with the remaining terms of the settlement. Richard L. Stalder, Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, praised the employees responsible for the positive result: "This settlement agreement is the end result of years of hard work and dedication by the employees of the Office of Youth Development in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections."

Swanson Correctional Center for Youth – Madison (SCCY-MAD) shared their personal life experiences that included bad choices, as well as consequences, which developed from making wrong decisions. The youth also expounded on the importance of staying in school, following the instructions from faculty and parents and resisting negative peer pressure. SCCY-MAD's students shared their stories at Tallulah High, Tallulah Junior High, Tallulah Elementary, Wright Elementary, McCall Senior and McCall Junior High School.

Headquarters Grants Camp

Submitted by Christy Ball

The Headquarters Grants Office conducted the fourth annual DOC grants workshop in Marksville, LA.

This year's theme, "Grants Camp", provided a casual, yet team-oriented environment that encouraged an effective exchange of information and ideas. A total of 71 grants and business office personnel attended the workshop. All aspects of the grants process were addressed, from searching for grant funds, through the grant closeout process. Material was presented to the audience in a variety of ways, including guest speakers, group exercises, and breakout sessions.

Captain Michael Zagury of the Neptune, New Jersey Police Department conducted a presentation entitled, "Making Dollars and Sense."

Traci Watts, with the LA Office of Community Development, gave an overview of the Louisiana Assistance Resource Center Grants Database. Speakers also included DOC HR Director Zbigniew Cypel, addressing Personnel Matters, Sharon Hebert, speaking on Procurement on Contractual Review and Ruth Johnson, explaining the federal OMB Circular A-87.

A slide show outlining all of the various grants administered during the past year was presented to the audience. In addition, Lt. Derek Heard and SCCY-Madison's drug dog, "Boy" (purchased with grant funds), demonstrated the process of identifying contraband.

Feedback from the workshop was very positive, with Captain Zagury requesting permission to use some of the DOC ideas in his next presentation for a federal agency. Participants stressed the importance and benefits of this vital training tool, and expressed a desire for more Wardens and Unit Business Office staff members to participate in the workshop. As usual, comments from the evaluations will be the basis for next year's agenda. Thanks to all who participated and helped to make this the most informative and beneficial workshop yet!

JCCY Receives Grant from the ExxonMobil Foundation

Submitted by Christy Ball

The Department has been awarded grant funds amounting to \$4,000 from the ExxonMobil Foundation. This grant was a result of the Volunteer Involvement Program on behalf of Jetson Correctional Center for Youth. These funds will be utilized within the Chaplaincy Unit and Library at JCCY. Persons responsible for this grant, who participated in the ExxonMobil Volunteer Involvement Program, are Peter Walsh, Juanita Bates, Barbara Biggs and Mr. Arnold Comer.

The Department is very appreciative for the persons who donated their time, in an effort to enhance the lives of these JCCY offenders.

Remembering Our Citizens, Young and Old

The Citizens of Swanson Correctional Center for Youth/Madison participated in an off-campus incentive which was not only a privilege for the group but also for the senior citizens whom they visited. The SCCY/MAD's Citizens visited the Madison Baptist Nursing Home where they presented the respected older citizens of the community with small gifts and cards. The residents enjoyed the visit just as much as the youth. Upon completion of the visit, the youth were treated to pizza at a local dine-in facility.

Congratulations to Curtis "Pete" Fremin, who has been appointed the District Administrator of West Baton Rouge District. He will assume his new duties at the end of October when current DA Gloria Whiten retires. Please extend your best wishes and support to Pete as he begins his new responsibilities.

Congratulations to Doug McClellan of TLD and Waymon Clark of NAD. They participated for the first time in the National Police Shooting Championships in Jackson, Mississippi, and September 20-25, 2003. There were over 600 top shooters from all over the United States and other countries and Doug and Waymon did an outstanding job. They shot in 11 matches, placing in 9 of them. Waymon was 1st overall in the Marksman State category, and 3rd overall in the Marksman category for the entire match. Doug was 2nd overall in Classified State Category, and 3rd overall in Classified Category. Steve Fisher of MOD also placed first in one of the marksman state matches.

Congratulations are also in order for the team Mark Hutchison and Paula Powell of SPD, who recently took 1st place in the 5th Annual Louisiana Iron man Competition held in Baton Rouge. The competition consisted of 22 events including physical fitness, endurance, survival, and tactical firearms. They did things like run 9 miles, then do push-ups and sit-ups, carry 60 pounds for 100 yards, carry their partner, complete a foot pursuit, go to the range and shoot, go back to the Lakes and run 3 miles, do a water rescue, then more physical and shooting events (it tires you out just thinking about doing all that stuff!). Awesome job. Paula was the first woman to compete in the competition, and has set a standard that will be hard to beat.

Congratulations

Submitted by Genie Power

Well Known Advocate Honored Posthumously

Submitted by Jean Wall

At the departmental meeting in Bridge City, Deputy Secretary Jannitta Antoine presented a memorial plaque to the family of Sanford "Sandy" Krasnoff. Sandy, founder and executive director of Victims and Citizens Against Crime (VCAV), died last July as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident that occurred on one of his frequent drives from New Orleans to Baton Rouge to work on justice system issues being addressed during the legislative session.

VCAC was created in 1990. In 1992, not long after Secretary Stalder became *Secretary*, Sandy initiated contact, and he never let go. He was variously adversary, ally, and partner in resolving issues of mutual concern. The plaque phrased it this way:

He challenged us to serve victims.
He allied himself to our efforts.
We grew stronger with his help.

Red Nose Day

We continue to support the Children's Development Center.



DOC Credit Union's St. Gabriel Branch Opening

Submitted by Sonya Suggs

Warden Lensing of EHCC and Warden Jones of LCIW welcomed guests at the Grand Openings of the St. Gabriel DOC Credit Union Branch. Warden Lensing addressed the large crowd that gathered and noted that branch offices such as this one in St. Gabriel would better benefit members, and represents the commitment the Credit Union has to its members.

The Grand Opening ceremonies were a huge success and enjoyed by all in attendance. There was food, prizes, and fun for all of our members that came by to see the new branch and meet the staff! Ms. Robin Kirby, Branch Manager, and her staff were ready to share membership benefits with those wishing to join and answered questions of existing members. Employees of EHCC and LCIW are very pleased with this new addition, and are keeping the Credit Union staff very busy!



From left, Warden Lensing, Warden Jones, Mr. Lloyd Giblin, and Ms. Robin Kirby prepare for the DOC St. Gabriel Credit Union Branch's Grand Opening.

Correctional Peace Officers Foundation Conference and Memorial

Submitted by Sonya Suggs

Warden Lensing, Major James Johnson, M.Sgt. Henry Holden, Sgt. Sherry Jasmine of EHCC attended the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation Conference and Memorial in Charleston, South Carolina.

Sgt. Jasmine noted, "The memorial was a very rewarding and beautiful experience. Officers killed and injured were honored along with their families. Major Johnson and M.Sgt. Holden participated in the Honor Guard with fellow officers from other states."

Warden Lensing reports that he had the opportunity to represent the state of Louisiana at this year's memorial project. He was afforded the opportunity to speak at the historic Citadel Military College, where the ceremony was held. Warden Lensing noted, "It was very humbling to address the families of the 10 employees that had given the ultimate sacrifice. I continue to be impressed with how this organization devotes its resources to the families of past tragedies, as well as the present."

EHCC recently held a Barbeque Pit Raffle Fundraiser to benefit the CPO Foundation, and was proud to issue them a check for \$850. They will continue to hold periodic fundraisers to support this foundation that truly helps Corrections employees. Warden Lensing sent the following message to EHCC employees, "I believe in the CPO Foundation and have seen first-hand the support it offers to the honorable employees of the Corrections field. I hope that if you are not a member of this foundation already, you take the time to review its benefits when considering your membership and support."

If You Had Any Doubt that EHCC Impact Changes Attitudes...Read This

Submitted by Sonya Suggs

How many inmates do you think would volunteer to stay behind bars for an extra 30 days? None, right? That's incorrect! Recently, an EHCC IMPACT trainee opted to remain in our custody longer in an effort to increase his welding skills so he could obtain employment upon release. This trainee made a difficult choice, and is now doing great. In a letter to Madeline McCaleb of EHCC Education, he wrote, "I hope you will have a Happy Thanksgiving, because I will, thanks to you. You made a change in my life that I will never forget. My job is going good and I love the work I do. I've never been late, missed a day, or left early. I will never do anything to lose my job or quit. They have too much to offer me. I don't hang with my old friends, go back to my old neighborhood, or do the things I used to do. I go to work, come home, do my community service, and make my way inside before eight o'clock. I hang out with my family on the weekends. I appreciate the role models I had in EHCC IMPACT: Lt. Colonel Guerin, Major Lloyd Robertson, Captain Byron Brown, Lt. Isiah George, and Drill Instructor Gerry Douglas. They love their jobs, are always on time, and they come with the same attitude everyday. I am a changed man because of my experience at EHCC."

United Way Victory Gala

Submitted by Sonya Suggs

The United Way Victory Gala was held at the old Governor's Mansion on the night of November 20th. The EHCC United Way Campaign Committee and the 2004 Super Share and Leadership Donors were invited to join in a celebration of cooperative success, which included great fun, fancy food and a live band playing jazz, swing, and big band

music. Active and appropriately attired EHCC employees were seen dancing the night away. Danny Williams and spouse, Kathy, Sarah Matthews, Lt. Roland Robert and spouse, Ann, LaQuetta Brown, Sgt. Roger Ashley, and DI Michael Parker and date, proudly represented the many United Way supporters at EHCC. These tuxedo and evening wear attired representatives of EHCC got into the spirit of the gala, a masked ball, by making and wearing masks of all kinds. EHCC people know how to celebrate and how to support a worthy cause. Warden Lensing commends all for their support and participation.

Termination of Co-Administration

Governor Blanco announced recently that she is directing the Department to immediately take steps to establish full budgetary and program autonomy for the Office of Youth Development. The Governor takes this step as a reflection of her commitment to reform services to children and families in Louisiana and to emphasize the priority she places on such initiatives.

Thanks

Secretary Stalder sent out a personal thank you to Elijah Lewis and Office of Youth Development Staff, Wardens of Juvenile Facilities and James Bueche and Division of Youth Services Managers and Staff.

"It has been an honor to be associated with you over the past twelve years. You have worked tirelessly to improve our juvenile system. I appreciate your efforts."

Employee Recognition

Dixon Correctional Center (DCI), Elayn Hunt Correctional Center, David Wade Correctional Center (DWCC), Elayn Hunt Correctional Center (EHCC), Forth Wade Correctional Center (FWCC), Louisiana Penitentiary (LSP), Washington Correctional Institute (WCI), and Swanson Correctional Center for Youth/Monroe (SCCY/M) recognized the following employees for Monthly Awards:

DCI

Master Sergeant Antrinetta Tate - Security Officer
Master Sergeant Carey McKnight - Security Officer
Master Sergeant Arlon Simmons - Security Officer
Master Sergeant Frazier Bendily - Security Officer

DWCC

Sergeant Jeffery Johnson - Security Officer
Master Sergeant Victor Lee
Sergeant Elizabeth Rushing

EHCC

Rebecca Bellanger, LPN - Support
Steve Waguespack - Support
Kevin Marsh - Support
Robert Tetzlaff - Support
Captain Larry Thompson - Supervisor
Chaplain Ross English - Supervisor
Captain Ronald Scott - Supervisor
Michelle Jones - Supervisor

Master Sergeant Brandi Landry - Security Officer
Master Sergeant Keith Robinson - Security Officer
Master Sergeant Linda Krol - Security Officer
Master Sergeant Melissa Ingram - Security Officer

FWCC

Drill Instructor Oran Ford - Security Officer
Sergeant Vanessa McKinney - Security Officer
Drill Instructor Lance Swan - Security Officer
Sergeant Josylin Bryant - Security Officer

LSP

Sergeant Curley Alford - Security Officer
Sergeant Zeneika Dennis - Security Officer
Sergeant Eric Lewis - Security Officer
Cadet Donald Davlin - Security Officer

LSP

Sergeant Earnest Ferguson – Security Officer
Master Sergeant Kenneth Davis – Security Officer

WCI

Sergeant John Knight - Security Officer
Sergeant Charlie McDonald – Security Officer
Master Sergeant Bennie Adams – Security Officer
Rosalie Burrell – Security Officer

SCCY - Monroe

Coach Byron Maze – Support
Kristina Dollar - Support
Coach Yettra Specks - Support
Alma McMillian - Support
Carla Leonard – Support
Lieutenant James Woods – Security Officer
Master Sergeant Sharon Jackson – Security Officer
Master Sergeant Diana Berry – Security Officer
Sergeant Eureka Brass – Security Officer

Region One:

Linda Williams/Monroe – Supervisor
LaJuana Harrell/Tallulah- Officer
Kimberly Green/Tallulah – Support Staff

Region Two:

David Owens/Alexandria – Supervisor
Roy Brown/Lafayette – Officer
Sharon Graham/Alexandria – Support

Region Three:

Barbara Benoit/Thibodaux – Supervisor
Jeffery Barrilleaux/Thibodaux – Officer

Region Four:

Anthony Johnson/New Orleans – Supervisor
Kendrick Martin/New Orleans – Officer
Courtney Pegue/New Orleans – Support

Quarterly Recognition

Recipients of David Wade Correctional Center (DWCC), Forcht Wade Correctional Center (FWCC), Washington Correctional Institute (WCI), Swanson Correctional Center for Youth (SCCY) and Division of Youth Services (DYS) Quarterly Employee Awards were:

DWCC

Lorene Birtt – Support
Lieutenant Roderick Malcolm – Supervisor

FWCC

James Gil Loe - Support
Bridget Johnston – Support
Captain Angela Mathews
Doctor Susan Tucker – Supervisor

WCI

Joel Moak – Support
Lieutenant Lester Mitchell

SCCY

Bernice Hopkins – Supervisor

DYS

Environment and Community

Submitted by Sonya Suggs

EHCC received a request from Duplessis Primary in Prairieville last year to assist them in obtaining free school equipment through a toner-recycling program. Ms. Angela Whittaker, EHCC Correction Executive Officer, volunteered to coordinate the collection of used toner cartridges to donate to the school, which has benefited greatly from this already. The school's representative recently reported that they were able to obtain physical education, computer lab equipment and classroom supplies through their support of the recycling program. Since Duplessis is the newest elementary school in the Ascension parish area, they indicate that this support has been much needed and appreciated.


Together Everyone Achieves More

Semi- Annual Blood Drive

Submitted by Sonya Suggs

Sixty-five EHCC employees braved the needle in order to donate blood to Our Lady of the Lake Hospital.

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Does your child need health insurance?

Working families may qualify for full health coverage at no cost through LaCHIP if...

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	Monthly Income	Yearly Income
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3	\$2,504	\$30,048
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5	\$3,530	\$42,360
6	\$4,044	\$48,528
7	\$4,557	\$54,684
8	\$5,070	\$60,840
More than 8	For each extra person, add \$514 to the monthly amount for 8 people	

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(2 La CHIP)

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Inmates Assist MDA

Submitted by Sonya Suggs

The EHCC Jaycees held their annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Walk-a-thon. Through donations from the inmate population, inmate organizations

and EHCC staff, they raised \$2,272.80. Their sponsor, Lieutenant Terry Albright assisted them and presented the check at the MDA Telethon.

It Pays To Be An ACA Member

The American Correctional Association (ACA) is the national leader in excellence in corrections. Join ACA today and enjoy the savings and benefits that come with membership for 35.00!

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